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It is respectfully requested that the information cited in annexed Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner in connection with the above-identified patent application, and that such art be made of record in said application.

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hoped, however, that in addition to apprising the Examiner of the particular items, they will assist in identifying fields of search and in making as full and complete a search as possible.

The filing of this Information Disclosure Statement is not an admission that the information cited herein is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(b).


This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(4), after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in connection with this application. To the best of Applicant's knowledge, an Office Action has not been mailed by the Patent Office after the filing of the RCE.

Alternatively, Applicant requests consideration of the information in this Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c)(1). The items listed were cited in a search report dated September 16, 2003 (copy enclosed) on a European application corresponding to the present U.S. application.

No fee is believed to be due. However, the Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Early and favorable consideration of the case is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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